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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Welch et al.  
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For: TREATING PROTEIN-CONTAINING LIQUIDS

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**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED  
EXAMINATION AND REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW**

Sir/Madam:

Applicants provide the present Amendment to address the issues raised in the final Office Action dated May 17, 2005. Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment and allowance of the present application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned directly should there be any remaining rejections after review of this Amendment.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this document.

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